(d) by when the final decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stoppage has not been found justified.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Unmanned level crossings**

2604. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had given a directive to the Railways in 1997, to manned all the level-crossings;

(b) if so, the details of the directives;

(c) the number of level crossings manned during the last 10 years year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that about 23,000 level crossings across the country are still unmanned; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not implementing the Supreme Court's directive to manned all level crossings, to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

(c) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(d) there are about 20291 unmanned level crossings (excluding 'D' class cattle crossings) on Indian Railways.

***Statement***

*Details of Railway-wise level crossings manned during the last ten years.*

| Year | Numbers of unmanned level crossings manned |
|---|---|
| 1992-1993 | 22 |
| 1993-1994 | 26 |
| 1994-1995 | 491 |
| 1995-1996 | 47 |
| 1996-1997 | 62 |
| 1997-1998 | 36 |
| 1998-1999 | 47 |
| 1999-2000 | 53 |
| 2000-2001 | 65 |
| 2001-2002 | 267 |

**Jalandhar-Jammu Double Track**

2605. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent Budget Session an announcement for construction of double track for Railways from Jalandhar to Jammu was made in the Railway Budget speech; and

(b) if so, the progress and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The proposal for doubling of this section was included in the Budget 1997-98 for which necessary clearances have recently been obtained. The final location survey has been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 19.21 crore has been provided for the work during the current financial year.

**Reduction in Power Tariff for Railways**

2606. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 412 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 2002 and state: